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INDUSTRIAL CO-OP REPORTS
SUCCESES, FAILURES

ESTONIAN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVE NETWORK EXPANDS -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 227, 24 Sep 48

Nearly 1,000 persons have become members of industrial cooperative artels in Estonian SSR during the present year. Fourteen new artels have been started in Tallin and in Tartu, Vil'yandi, and Khar'yuskiy uyezds. Recently an artel-combine began operations in Kokhitla-Yarve.

Many artels are expanding their production. During the past 8 months 113 new shops were equipped and put into operation under the direction of artels.

LITHUANIAN LIGHT INDUSTRY FAILS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION COSTS -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 221, 17 Sep 48

The enterprises of the textile, sewing, and building trusts, and the leather and shoe trust of the Ministry of Light Industry (Minister, Tereshin), Lithuanian SSR, have suffered losses in the first half of 1948 amounting to 4.7 million rubles above plan, and exceeded their payroll funds by 5,977,000 rubles.

The "Leiliya" Sewing Factory in Vil'nyus (director, Domnin) exceeded the allotted amount of wool fabric in the first 6 months of 1948. A similar situation exists at the "Litets" Wool Fabric factory in Kaunas, where in the first quarter of 1948 production costs increased 44 percent. At the "Kauno audinay" Textile Factory, costs increased 6.4 percent simply as the result of fines and excessive payroll.

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MOLDAVIAN COOPERATIVES FAIL OBLIGATIONS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 186, 16 Sep 48

A. P. Reznik, Deputy-Chairman of the Administration of Industrial Cooperatives of the Council of Ministers, Moldavian SSR, reported at a recent all-republic conference of industrial cooperative workers that the 190 industrial cooperative enterprises of the Moldavian SSR, which produce construction materials and consumer goods, are not fulfilling the plan and have serious deficiencies in their work. Industrial cooperatives fulfilled the production plan of only 8 out of 30 chief products and 59 artels did not fulfill the plan for assortment of goods.

In 1948, industrial cooperatives fell short of the State plan by 44 million rubles. A. Medrish, Chairman of the Kishinevskiy Rayon Consumers' Union, and L. Rodin, Chief of the Procurement Division in the Industrial Cooperative Administration, reported at the conference that there must be radical reorganization in the work of industrial artels if they are to meet their obligations. E. F. Chermitskiy, Deputy-Secretary of Industry in the TsK KP(b) Moldavian SSR also addressed the conference.

MOLDAVIAN ARTELS MEET PLANS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 194, 29 Sep 48

The following industrial cooperative artels have fulfilled their 1948 production plans: imeni Timoshenko, "Krasnaya Zvezda," imeni Frunze, the Kishinev Interrayon Industrial Union, "Novaya Zhizn," and "Metallist" of the Bel'tsy Interrayon Industrial Union. Artel imeni Timoshenko turned out 240,500 rubles' worth of commodities, or 120 percent of the 1948 plan, and Artel imeni Frunze 425,700 rubles' worth of commodities, or 103 percent of the 1948 plan. The "Dnestr" Artel of the Soroky Interrayon Industrial Union and "Kustshveyprom" (Domestic Sewing Industry) Artel of the Tiraspol' Interrayon Industrial Union have also completed their year plans.

ARMENIAN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES CRITICIZED -- Kommunist, No 215, 10 Sep 48

At a meeting of the party organization in the Administration of Industrial Cooperatives under the Council of Ministers, Armenian SSR, the Administration was severely criticized for failing to adjust itself successfully to the new problems resulting from abolition of the rationing system. Only 95.9 percent of the gross production plan of the industrial cooperatives of the Republic for the first 7 months of 1948 and 38.7 percent of the plan for assortment of goods were completed. A large amount of finished goods has piled up in the warehouses of industrial cooperatives and cannot be disposed of because of its poor quality. Labor productivity has decreased in the artels.

KAZAKH TRADE SYSTEM EXPANDS -- Kazakhstanskaya Latviya, No 192, 26 Sep 48

Consumers' cooperatives in the Kazakh SSR have opened 427 stores and stalls since the government decree on development of cooperative trade in cities and workers' settlements. These stores trade in Alma-Ata, Karaganda, Temir-Tau, Balkhash, Leninogorsk, Semipalatinsk, and other industrial centers of the Republic. Cooperative organizations have purchased from kolkhoz workers 197 million rubles of various agricultural products since the beginning of 1948, including 76,200 centners of meat, 10,000 centners of fish, and 9,175 centners of sugar. Development of cooperative trade has aided in lowering prices in the markets. The Kazakh Consumers' Union plans to open 60 additional stores and stalls by the end of the year.

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IVANOVO TEXTILE INDUSTRY SHOWS GOOD RESULTS -- Pravda Vosloka, No 194, 29 Sep 48

Ivanovo Oblast textile industry pledged to complete the 1948 plan early, to turn out 27,976,000 meters of unbleached cloth and 21 million meters of finished fabrics, and to reduce production costs 80 million rubles. Textile workers of Ivanovo Oblast have already produced 3,900 tons of cotton yarn, 25,335,000 meters of unbleached cloth, and 21,431,000 meters of finished cotton fabrics. Ivanovo Oblast textile industry conserved 1,117 tons of cotton and 285 tons of yarn and lowered production costs 90 million rubles in 7 months. Textile factories undertook additional obligation to economize an extra 348 tons of cotton and 136 tons of yarn and to produce an additional million meters of cloth by the end of 1948.

The Ivanovo Miscellaneous Goods Combine, Factory imeni Varentsova, Factory imeni Marta, "Krasnyy Profintern," the Smysko-Tezinsky Combine, the Krasnovolga Combine, and the Teykovo Combine are the leading textile establishments of this region.

NEW CONSUMER GOODS PLANT PLANNED -- Kommunist, No 212, 7 Sep 48

Construction of a plant producing such consumer goods as kerosene stoves, hand mills, kitchen stoves, iron stoves, and metal benches is planned in the settlement of Kirza. The plant will turn out one million rubles' worth of commodities annually. Construction will begin soon, and the plant is to be put into operation in the second quarter 1949.

ACCESSORY PLANT EXCEEDS PLAN FOR FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY -- Sovetskaya Latviya No 225, 22 Sep 48

The "Tsentriba" Accessory Factory (director, Groblis) recently completed the 1948 plan and pledged to produce an additional 760,000 rubles' worth of goods for the footwear industry by the end of 1948. In the past 8 months, production costs dropped 37 percent over the 9 percent prescribed by the plan, and savings totaled 600,000 rubles, 100,000 rubles more than foreseen by the plan.

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